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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants petition to extend the response deadline by three months, i.e., to and including January 19, 2001, and enclose the appropriate fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title, please insert the following sentence:

-- This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No.

60/009,032, filed on December 21, 1995 and United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/013,236, filed on March 11, 1996.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Amended), line 2, after "hollow" insert --pleated--.

Claim 3. (Twice Amended), line 2, change "a pack" to --a pleated pack